

RESOLUTION REVISING THE TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY AND INSTRUCTING STAFF TO
MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ACTION PLAN TO CONSTRUCT SPECIFIC PROJECTS

WHEREAS; pursuant to General Statute # 160A-296, the City of Asheville has general authority and control over the public streets within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS; the Traffic Calming Policy was adopted by City Council on February 22, 2000 via Resolution # 00-39; and

WHEREAS; City Council has reviewed certain changes to the Traffic Calming Policy and has determined that it is in the City's interest to approve them; and

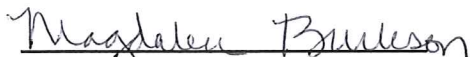
WHEREAS; City Council has approved funds for the current fiscal year to begin constructing projects that are listed on the "backlog" list; and

WHEREAS; City Council has reviewed the attached action plan and has determined that it is in the City's interest to instruct staff to move forward with it, subject to budgetary limitations;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

City Council approves certain changes to the Traffic Calming Policy and instructs staff to move forward with the attached action plan to begin construction projects that are listed on the "backlog" list.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 25th day of March 2014.


City Clerk


Mayor


City Attorney

ATTACHMENT 2

TRAFFIC CALMING ACTION PLAN

- City Council will consider the recommended changes to the traffic calming policy and the action plan on March 11, 2014.
- Staff will hold internal department meetings during March to be sure that the top five to seven potential projects on the "backlog" list do not have any major issues (all projects on the "backlog" list have been analyzed and are listed in priority based on the established "point" system).
- Staff will define the actual petition areas and prepare the maps and petition forms for the top five to seven potential projects for the 60% petition process during March and April.
- Staff will meet with the appropriate neighborhood groups for the top five to seven potential projects to review the proposed projects and to instruct them on the 60% petition process during March and April (the neighborhood groups will be responsible to obtain the appropriate signatures). It should be pointed out that since the "backlog" list is quite old, interest in traffic calming on some of the streets might have declined due to a variety of reasons. Staff will make every reasonable effort to work with the affected stakeholders including helping them to establish neighborhood groups before dropping a street from the "backlog" list.
- The contract and construction phase will occur during May and June and it is anticipated that \$100,000 will be obligated towards the top five to seven potential projects. At this time, it is uncertain if a single contract will be awarded or if multiple contracts will be awarded. In addition, staff does not anticipate that all of the work will be completed by June 30, 2014 (for the current fiscal year only) but that in future years, the work will be started and completed within the specific fiscal year. One of the unknowns is the 60% petition process and how long it might take to complete it. The top two streets on the "backlog" list (Bear Creek Road and Riverview Drive) will help staff determine how successful the overall process will be since they both have established neighborhood groups that are ready to move forward. Throughout the process, staff will constantly seek input from these neighborhood groups to determine what, if any, improvements should be made for the future projects.
- Staff will develop a structured neighborhood awareness campaign and education process including the appropriate materials during the first half of FY 2014-15 including input from the Asheville Police Department (the Community Resource Officers), the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force sub-committee.